

Calendar of Events

October - December

Meetings:

October 15, 2004 - Friday

Contract Interpreters Meeting
(formerly Community Agencies of the Deaf)

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Glendale Public Library

6101 N. Keystone Ave.

Indianapolis, IN

For more information, contact (317)

232-1143.

Board of Interpreter Standards
(BIS) meeting on October 18,
2004 has been cancelled

Workshops:

October 19, 2004 - Tuesday

ASL Coffeehouse Experience

Instructors: Linda Adams and Myron Yoder

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

RID CEUs: .3 - CMP & ACET

DHHS CEUs: .3 - Category 1

The Crossing Cafe

1202 W. Pike St.

Goshen, IN

Contact: Myron Yoder at (574) 535-

7382 or myronry@goshen.edu

October 27 - November 10, 2004

American Sign Language - Module 2

Instructors: Longfellow and Marchuk

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

DHHS CEUs: .6 - Category 1

Purdue University North Central -

Valparaiso Academic Center

600 Vale Park Rd. South

Valparaiso, IN

Contact: Phyllis Dranger at (219) 548-

2468 ext. 5101 or pdranger@pnc.edu

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Deaf Heritage Week

Alice Cogswell is the Reason for Deaf Education in Indiana



**Statute of Thomas H. Gallaudet
with Alice Cogswell**

Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet (1787-1851) was a man who suffered from poor health and was home visiting his parents when he learned about Deaf people by accident when he met a deaf girl named Alice Cogswell (1805-1830). Alice was the child of a prominent doctor in Hartford Connecticut where Gallaudet lived. Because of his association with Alice and Dr. Cogswell, Gallaudet went to Europe in 1815 to learn a teaching method to bring back to the US and teach Alice and other deaf children. While in France he

met Laurent Clerc and after a time convinced him to return with him to America and they started the American School for the Deaf in 1817.

A few years later in 1829, a young man named William Willard completed his education at the school and later in 1843 founded the school in Indiana that became the Indiana School for the Deaf. Mr. Willard's instructors at the American School for the Deaf were both Mr. Gallaudet and Mr. Clerc who William Willard kept in touch with throughout their lives. October 1, 2004 represents the 161st year of Deaf education in Indiana—and we have a deaf woman named Alice Cogswell to thank for it!

For more information about Deaf History read *Deaf Heritage* by Jack Gannon, 1981, by NAD Press.

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Nov. 5-7, 2004 - Friday-Sunday

In Depth Weekend Skillshop in Signing Exact English

Instructors: Dennis Davino, Carol

Both, Sue Tellez, Susan Morgan

RID CEUs: 1.5 - CMP & ACET

DHHS CEUs: 1.5 - Category 1

Louisville, KY

Contact: Esther Zawolkow at 562-

430-1467 or seecenter@seecenter.org

November 12-13, 2004 - Friday and

Saturday

Retreat, Workshops and Annual Meeting for ASL students of ALL levels

Time: Friday - 5:30 to 11:00 p.m.;

Saturday - 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Check www.icrid.org for more information

Kratzenberg Recreation Center at the Indiana School for the Deaf Indianapolis, IN

Nov. 19, 2004 - Friday

Feed Your Eyes, Mind and Spirit

Instructors: Debbie Rennie, Peter

Cook and Myron Yoder

RID CEUs: .2 - CMP & ACET

DHHS CEUs: .2 - Category 2

Umbert Center, Goshen College

Goshen, IN

Contact: Myron Yoder at (574) 535-

7382 or myronry@goshen.edu

December 1 - 15, 2004

American Sign Language - Module 3

Instructors: Longfellow and Marchuk

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

DHHS CEUs: .6 - Category 1

Purdue University North Central -

Valparaiso Academic Center

600 Vale Park Rd. South

Valparaiso, IN

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Do Your Children Have Health Insurance?

The State of Indiana through the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) offers an affordable health insurance program called *Hoosier Healthwise for Children*.

It covers children from birth through age 18. Many important health care benefits will be covered for the children, especially speciality care, preventive care and visits to dentist.

Depending on family's income, some families may be qualified not to pay the premiums at all. Some premiums cost as low as \$11.00 a month up to \$16.50 a month. It is also based on the number of children.

The enrollment lasts as long as you are living in Indiana and the child hasn't reached age 19. At the end of 12 months, membership will need to be renewed.

When you apply, you will need proof of your family's income, like a pay stub. You will also need the Social Security numbers of the children. Hoosier Healthwise is also available for pregnant women and low-income families.

You can apply at hospitals, community health centers, or other enrollment centers in your community, or by mail. To find an enrollment center near you, or to have an application sent you, call the Helpline at 1-800-889-9949 (this number is for voice, but you can call Relay Indiana- 711). Or you may visit their website at: www.in.gov/fssa/hoosier_healthwiseindex.html.

Gov. Kernan Encourages Seniors to Enroll in HoosierRx Program at BMV Branches



Under Gov. Kernan's direction, the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) have partnered to provide free application assistance and information about the HoosierRx prescription drug program from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, at all BMV locations. More than 300 volunteers are being sought to provide program information and assist with HoosierRx applications at the various sites across the state. For more information about volunteering call 1-866-267-4679.

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DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES

Division of Disability, Aging and Rehabilitative Services
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W-453, P.O. Box 7083,
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7083

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TTY or Toll free-Voice: 1-800-962-8408

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E-mail: jerry.cooper@fssa.in.gov

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dhhs>

What Do You Need to Know About Fire Safety in Your Home?

The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) lists fire protection requirements for construction and existing dwellings of public accommodation. Note that the ADA does not cover privately owned rental housing.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires landlords, who receive HUD funding for Section 8 housing and other HUD or government benefits, to provide and install visual smoke alarms in all occupancies that house tenants who are deaf or hard of hearing. Also those who are administered by HUD, or state operated, Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) are required.

If you live in an apartment, you may ask your landlord to install visual smoke alarms for your protection. Most landlords would do this on your behalf as a matter of loyalty to tenants or they want to avoid a costly lawsuit in the event you get hurt from fire.

It is important to purchase visual alarms that are listed to Underwriters Laboratories (UL) Standard number 1981, Signaling Systems for the Hearing Impaired.

For more information regarding fire safety, contact Office of State Fire Marshal at <http://www.in.gov/sema/osfm/>.

GCPD Conference on November 8 and 9, 2004

The Governor's Council for People with Disabilities (GCPD) will host the 2004 Indiana Conference for People with Disabilities, to be held at the Westin Hotel downtown, on Monday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 9, 2004.

The theme for the conference is "Changing Our Future Today." The luncheon keynote speaker is Curtis Decker, executive director of the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Services.

The general session offers an opportunity to hear nationally recognized leaders in the field of disabilities. Workforce Development will demonstrate how to use the DVD kiosk to access information on employment opportunities and will have available a list from the job bank and employment counselors will be available for assistance or questions. Sign Language Interpreters will be provided.

The fees for the conference will be \$60 for nonprofessional Indiana resident with disabilities, and parents or \$130 for professional and all non-Indiana residents. There are other optional fees you may wish to make choice for attending the conference and the deadline for application is October 25. For more information, contact Sandy Hunt at SKH4HOG@prodigy.net or (317) 786-7272 (voice and fax) or (866) 786-7272 toll free for both voice and fax.

A Copy of State Plan for Independent Living is Available for Free

A free copy of *State Plan for Independent Living for the Fiscal Years of 2005-2007* is available upon request. Published by the Indiana Council on Independent Living (ICOIL), a 60 page copy covers general issues on development, responsibilities, services, financial administration, and evaluation.

Contact Donald Tinsley, TTY (317) 233-5009 or toll free voice/TTY: 1-800-962-8408 or e-mail: donald.tinsley@fssa.in.gov for a free copy. The copies are limited, so please contact him as soon as possible. Please limit to one copy per person.

Midwest Conference on American Sign Language Planned for June 2005

Hosted by MSM Productions, Ltd., the Midwest Conference entitled "*Teach All Kids ASL*" will be held in Marriott downtown, Indianapolis on June 4-6, 2005. CEUs for RID and ASLTA certification can be earned to enhance teaching skills, exchange ideas, network with other teachers and mentors.

For more information, see the website: www.ASL4us.com.